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**To:** ["Matt Wickham"](#)  
**Cc:** [Eric Pastor](#); [Lam Tran](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Background Sampling Area  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 11:04:01 AM  
**Attachments:** [image012.png](#)

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Matt

I got your message. Sorry don't have an answer yet. I am still evaluating and checking out a few things. Hope to have something to you in a day or two.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2016 10:48 AM

**To:** Josiam, Raji

**Cc:** Eric Pastor ; Lam Tran

**Subject:** RE: Background Sampling Area

Raji, Lam – attached is a screen shot from the 1944 aerial image. I've labeled the approximate area we propose to sample. The original location is to the west in the area that was once a set of borrow pits for sand and gravel (I didn't label that).

I got this image from Google Earth. If you zoom in on the area in Google Earth and then go to View, then check Historical Imagery, you can scroll back in time through all of the older images of the site, including the image I attached.

Call me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Matt

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Matt

Can you send us the aerials for the area from 1944? We'll take a look also so that we all are on the same page. Thanks.

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Raji – I've been talking with Bob Allen and Libby Guynn with the Harris County Pollution Control Services (HCPCS) about suitable locations for background sampling and we have researched several locations. We've settled on a location that was suggested by Libby Guynn and supported by Bob Allen. The proposed location is just on the other side of Vince Bayou from our initial location (see attached map).

Some details:

- The area is currently vacant and has always been either vacant or residential – no industrial or commercial use (since 1944, as far back as the aerial imagery exists)
- The area is adjacent to the bayou and therefore would allow us to sample both a tidally-influenced area and a non-tidally influenced area, consistent with the RI/FS Work Plan
- The property is owned by the Harris County Flood Control District.

It is very similar to our initial location.

I would appreciate your thoughts. If the location is acceptable, we will revise the WRN.

Regards,

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